

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- Claim 1 (previously amended) A collapsible container having a first uprights position for holding items and a second folded compact position for storage, wherein said container comprises:
- a. a bottom panel 2;
 - b. a top frame 3;
 - c. two side panels 4, 5, said side panels being pivotally connected to opposite ends of the top frame 3;
 - d. a front folding panel 6 comprising upper 10 and lower 8 ends and pivotally connected upper 24 and lower 25 panel sections, said front folding panel 6 being pivotally connected to the top frame 3 at its upper end 10 and being pivotally connected to the bottom panel 2 at its lower end 8;
 - e. a back folding panel 7 comprising upper 11 and lower ends 9 and pivotally connected upper 24 and lower 25 panel sections, said back folding panel 7 being pivotally connected to the top frame 3 at its upper end 11 and being pivotally connected to the bottom panel 2 at its lower end 9;

- f. at least one L-shaped extending panel 36 formed integral with the upper panel section 24 of the front folding panel 6;
- g. at least one L-shaped extending panel 36 formed integral with the upper panel section 24 of the back folding panel 7;
- h. at least one receiving groove 37 formed in the lower panel section 25 of the front folding panel 6; wherein said receiving groove 37 engages the L-shaped extending panel 36 of the front folding panel 6 when the container 1 is in the upright position; and
- i. at least one receiving groove 37 formed in the lower panel section 25 of the back folding panel 7; wherein said receiving groove 37 engages the L-shaped extending panel 36 of the back folding panel 7 when the container 1 is in the upright position; wherein engagement between the L-shaped extending panels 36 and receiving grooves 37 prevents the lower 24 and upper 25 panel sections of the front 6 and back 7 folding panels from folding outward when the container 1 is in the upright position, and wherein the container 1 can be folded into the compact position by pivotally swinging the side panels 4,5 towards the top frame 3 and folding the front 6 and back 7 folding panels inward to cause the container 1 to collapse to the compact position.

Claim 2 (previously amended) The container of Claim 1, wherein:

The bottom panel **2** comprises a base **15** and a shallow border wall **14** extending orthogonal and upward from the base **15**, and wherein said border wall **14** comprises opposite first and second side walls **16, 17** and opposite back and front walls **18, 19**.

Claim 3 (previously amended) The collapsible container of claim 2, wherein the front wall **18** comprises a central hinge coupling panel **32** that pivotally connects with a pin rod formed on the lower end of **8** of the front folding panel **6**.

Claim 4 (previously amended) The collapsible container of claim 2 wherein the back wall **19** comprises a central hinge coupling panel **33** that pivotally connects with a pin rod formed on the lower end of **9** of the back folding panel **7**.

Claim 5. (previously amended) The collapsible container of claim 2, further comprising a first aperture **20a** and a second aperture **20b** disposed in the first sidewall **16**, and a first aperture **21a** and a second aperture **21b** disposed in the second sidewall **17**, each of said apertures **20a, 20b, 21a, 21b** being disposed proximal to a corner of the border wall **14**.

Claim 6. (previously added) The collapsible container of Claim 5, further comprising first and second hinge pins disposed respectively in the first **20a** and

second **20b** apertures of the first sidewall **16**, wherein the first hinge pin is connected to the front folding panel **6** and the second hinge pin is connected to the back folding panel **7**.

Claim 7. (previously added) The collapsible container of Claim 2, further comprising third and fourth hinge pins disposed respectively in the first **21a** and second apertures **21b** of the second sidewall **17**, wherein the third hinge pin is connected to the front folding panel **6** and the fourth hinge pin is connected to the back folding panel **7**.

Claim 8. (previously added) The collapsible container of Claim 2, wherein each of the upper panel sections **24** comprises a first mating hinge notch **26** at their respective lower edges **28** that pivotally connects with a second mating hinge notch **27** disposed at the respective upper edges **29** of each of the lower panel sections **25**.

Claim 9. (previously added) The collapsible container of Claim 2, further comprising a pair of hinge notches **23a**, **23b** disposed in the back wall **19**, wherein each hinge notch, **23a**, **23b** connects pivotally with the back folding panel **7** via a hinge pin.

Claim 10. (previously added) The collapsible container of Claim 2, further comprising a pair of hinge notches **22a**, **22b** disposed in the front wall **18**, wherein each hinge notch, **22a**, **22b** connects pivotally with the front folding panel **6** via a hinge pin.

Claim 11. (previously added) The collapsible container of Claim 2, further comprising at least one central hinge coupling panel 33 disposed in the back wall 19, wherein said central hinge coupling panel 33 pivotally connects with the back folding panel 7.

Claim 12. (previously added) The collapsible container of Claim 2, further comprising at least one central hinge coupling panel 32 disposed in the front wall 18, wherein said central hinge coupling panel 32 pivotally connects with the front folding panel 6.

Claim 13. (previously added) The collapsible container of claim 1, wherein the top frame 3 comprises a front frame wall 40, a back frame wall 41 and a first sidewall 42 and a second sidewall 43.

Claim 14. (previously added) The collapsible container of Claim 13, further comprising at least one hinge notch 22 and at least one hinge coupling panel 23 disposed in the back frame wall 41, wherein said hinge notch 22 and hinge coupling panel 23 interface pivotally with the back folding panel 7.

Claim 15. (previously added) The collapsible container of Claim 13, further comprising at least one hinge notch 22 and at least one hinge coupling panel 23

disposed in the front frame wall **40**, wherein said hinge notch **22** and hinge coupling panel **23** interface pivotally with the front folding panel **6**.

Claim 16. (previously added) The collapsible container of Claim 2, further comprising a first and a second recessed portion **45a**, **45b** each comprising an aperture and being formed in the front frame wall **40**, said first and second recessed portions **45a**, **45b** being disposed adjacent a corner of the top frame **3** wherein the first recessed portion **45a** pivotally connects to an upper edge of the first side panel **4** and the second recessed portion **45b** pivotally connects to an upper edge of the second side panel **5**.

1. Claim 17. (previously added) A collapsible container having a first upright position for holding items and a second compact position for storage, comprising:

- a. a top frame **3**;
- b. a bottom panel **2**;
- c. a first side panel **4** pivotally connected to the top frame **3**;
- d. a second side panel **5** pivotally connected to the top frame **3**;
- e. a front folding panel **6** comprising upper **10** and lower **8** ends and pivotally connected upper **24** and lower **25** panel sections, said front folding panel **6** being pivotally connected to the top frame **3** at its upper end **10** and being pivotally connected to the bottom panel **2** at its lower end **8**;

- f. a back folding panel 7 comprising upper 11 and lower ends 9 and pivotally connected upper 24 and lower 25 panel sections, said back folding panel 7 being pivotally connected to the top frame 3 at its upper end 11 and being pivotally connected to the bottom panel 2 at its lower end 9;
- g. at least one L-shaped extending panel 36 formed integral with the upper panel section 24 of the front folding panel 6;
- h. at least one L-shaped extending panel 36 formed integral with the upper panel section 24 of the back folding panel 7;
- i. at least one receiving groove 37 formed in the lower panel section 25 of the front folding panel 6; wherein said receiving groove 37 engages the L-shaped extending panel 36 of the front folding panel 6 when the container 1 is in the upright position; and
- j. at least one receiving groove 37 formed in the lower panel section 25 of the back folding panel 7; wherein said receiving groove 37 engages the L-shaped extending panel 36 of the back folding panel 7 when the container 1 is in the upright position; wherein engagement between the L-shaped extending panels 36 and receiving grooves 37 prevents the lower 24 and upper 25 panel sections of the front 6 and back 7 folding panels from folding outward when the container 1 is in the upright position.

Claim 18. (previously added) The collapsible container of claim 17, wherein the container 1 can be folded into the compact position by pivotally swinging the first and second side panels 4, 5 towards the top frame 3 and folding the front 6 and back 7 folding panels inward to cause the container 1 to collapse to the compact position.

Claim 19. (cancelled)

Claim 20. (previously added) A collapsible container comprising:

- a. a bottom panel 2, wherein said bottom panel 2 comprises a base 15 and a shallow border wall 14 extending orthogonal and upwardly from the base 15; said shallow border wall 14 comprising a first sidewall 16 and second sidewall 17 disposed opposite to one another, and a back wall 18 and a front wall 19 disposed opposite to one another;
- b. a front folding panel 6 comprising an upper panel section 24 and a lower panel section 25, wherein said upper panel section 24 comprises a first mating hinge notch 26 that pivotally connects with a second mating hinge notch 27 disposed in the lower panel 25;
- c. a pair of hinge notches 22a, 22b disposed in the front wall 16, wherein each hinge notch pivotally connects to the front folding panel 6;

- d. a back folding panel 7 comprising an upper panel section 24 and a lower panel section 25, wherein said upper panel section 24 comprises a first mating hinge notch 26 that pivotally connects with a second mating hinge notch 27 disposed in the lower panel 25;
- e. a pair of hinge notches 23a, 23b disposed in the back wall 19 wherein each hinge notch pivotally connects to the back folding panel 7;
- f. at least a first aperture and a second aperture disposed in the first sidewall, and at least a first aperture and a second aperture disposed in the second sidewall, each of said apertures being disposed proximal to a corner of the border wall;
- g. first and second hinge pins disposed respectively in the first and second apertures of the first sidewall, wherein the first hinge pin is connected to the front folding panel 6 and the second hinge pin is connected to the back folding panel 7;
- h. third and fourth hinge pins disposed respectively in the first and second apertures of the second sidewall, wherein the third hinge pin is connected to the front folding panel 6 and the fourth hinge pin is connected to the back folding panel 7;
- i. at least one central hinge coupling panel 33 disposed in the back wall 19, wherein said central hinge coupling panel 33 pivotally connects to the back folding panel 7;



- j. at least one central hinge coupling panel **32** disposed in the front wall **18**, wherein said central hinge coupling panel **32** pivotally connects with the front folding panel **6**;
- k. at least one L-shaped extending panel **36** formed integral with the upper section **26** of the front folding panel **6** and at least one L-shaped extending panel **36** formed integral with the upper section **26** of the back folding panel **7**;
- l. at least one recess **37** formed integral with the bottom section **25** of the front folding panel **6**; wherein said recess **37** interfaces with the L-shaped extending panel **36** of the front folding panel **6**;
- m. at least one recess **37** formed integral with the bottom section **25** of the back folding panel **7**, wherein said recess **37** interfaces with the L-shaped extending panel **36** of the back folding panel **7**;
- n. a top frame **3** comprising a front frame wall **40** a back frame wall **41**, and a first sidewall **42** and second sidewall **43** disposed opposite to one another;
- o. at least one hinge notch **22** and at least one hinge coupling panel **23** disposed in the back frame wall **41**, wherein said hinge notch **22** and hinge coupling panel **23** interface with the back folding panel **7**;
- p. at least one hinge notch **22** and at least one hinge coupling panel **23** disposed in the front frame wall **40**, wherein said hinge notch **22** and hinge coupling panel **23** interface with the front folding panel **6**;

q. a first and a second recessed portion **45a**, **45b** each comprising an aperture and being formed in the front frame wall **40**, said first and second recessed portions **45a**, **45b** being disposed adjacent a corner of the top frame **3**, wherein the first recessed portion **45a** pivotally connects to an upper edge **10** of the first side panel **4** and the second recessed portion **45b** pivotally connects to an upper edge **11** of the second side panel **5**; wherein

the pivot axes of the side panels **4**, **5** are disposed above the pivot axes of the front folding panel **6** and back folding panel **7** and the container can be folded by pivotally swing the side panels towards the top frame and then folding the front folding panel and back folding panel inward to cause the frame to collapse to a compact configuration.